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BUDAPEST TREATY ON THE INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF THE DEPOSIT OF MICROORGANISMS FOR THE PURPOSES OF PATENT PROCEDURE

INTERNATIONAL FORM

RECEIPT IN THE CASE OF AN ORIGINAL DEPOSIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO RULE 7.3
AND VIABILITY STATEMENT ISSUED PURSUANT TO RULE 10.2

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JUL 25 1996

To: (Name and Address of Depositor or Attorney)

Human Genome Sciences, Inc.
Attn: Robert H. Benson
9410 Key West Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

HGS PATENT DEPT.

Deposited on Behalf of: Human Genome Sciences, Inc.

Identification Reference by Depositor:

ATCC Designation

DNA plasmid 1275011

97657-*PF290*

The deposits were accompanied by: a scientific description a proposed taxonomic description indicated above.

The deposits were received July 12, 1996 by this International Depository Authority and have been accepted.

AT YOUR REQUEST:

We will inform you of requests for the strains for 30 years.

The strains will be made available if a patent office signatory to the Budapest Treaty certifies one's right to receive, or if a U.S. Patent is issued citing the strains, and ATCC is instructed by the United States Patent & Trademark Office or the depositor to release said strains.

If the cultures should die or be destroyed during the effective term of the deposit, it shall be your responsibility to replace them with living cultures of the same.

The strains will be maintained for a period of at least 30 years from date of deposit, or five years after the most recent request for a sample, whichever is longer. The United States and many other countries are signatory to the Budapest Treaty.

The viability of the cultures cited above was tested July 19, 1996. On that date, the cultures were viable.

International Depository Authority: American Type Culture Collection, Rockville, Md. 20852 USA

Signature of person having authority to represent ATCC:

Barbara M. Hailey, Administrator, Patent Depository

Date: July 22, 1996